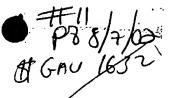


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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed on March 20, 2002, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, Claims 1, 3, 5, and 16. The election is made without traverse.

Enclosed is a petition to extend the period for replying for three months, to and including July 22, 2002 (as July 20th falls on a Saturday). If there are any other charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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